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Indiana second in AP performance gains, first in AP access gains

Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett congratulated students, teachers and administrators today after the College Board's *7th Annual AP Report to the Nation* revealed Indiana had the nation's second highest one-year increase in the percentage of graduates who earned a passing score (3, 4 or 5 on a 1-5 scale) on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam and the highest gains in AP access.

Indiana's percentage of high school graduates passing an AP exam increased from 10.4 percent of the 2009 graduating cohort to 12.4 percent of the 2010 graduating cohort – more than doubling the state's previous highest one-year increase of 0.9 percent (2004-2005).

"I am proud to see this significant gain in the number of students passing AP exams and congratulate Hoosier students who are challenging themselves with these rigorous courses assessments," Bennett said. "I must also thank our educators for the hard work they have invested to increase AP opportunities in our schools."

Indiana also had the nation's highest increase in AP course participation, jumping from 20.7 percent in 2009 to 29.3 percent in 2010. The percentage of Indiana's low-income graduates passing an AP exam increased by 27 percent.

After taking office in January 2009, Dr. Bennett and the Indiana Department of Education set a goal for 25 percent of students to receive a passing score on an AP or International Baccalaureate exam or successfully complete dual credit coursework.

Twenty-one schools met the 25 percent mark in 2010, up from 12 schools in 2009. The school with the largest one-year increase in AP success was Herron High School, which grew from 5 percent of its graduates passing an AP exam in 2009 to 38.8 percent in 2010.

"College preparation is one of the most important functions of our high schools. By providing challenging academic opportunities, we prepare our students to reach their goals," Bennett said. "I am thrilled to see the growth at Herron High School and encourage others to look to them as an example."

For more information on Advanced Placement in Indiana, visit www.doe.in.gov/ap.